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**DES SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT**

(August 2, 2005) The Department of Economic Security has scheduled a public hearing regarding the proposed state plans for the administration of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program.

The hearing will be on August 18, 2005 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington, 2nd Floor Conference Room in Phoenix, Arizona.

The LIHEAP program assists eligible low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs including heating and cooling. Eligibility requirements are based upon income, energy burden and household size.

The CSBG funds Community Action Agencies statewide to provide services to low-income individuals in the areas of employment, housing, food, nutrition, education and emergency assistance. The CSBG also coordinates with other community agencies serving low-income individuals. Copies of the state plans may be requested by calling (602) 542-6635 in Phoenix or toll free 1-800-582-5706. Copies will also be available at the hearing.

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